

Senator Bill Nelson  
United States Senate  
Hart Senate Office Building  
Room 716  
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Nelson:

On behalf of the more than 400,000 nurses who are charged with the responsibility of caring for the most critically ill patients in our nation, the American Association of Critical Care Nurses is pleased to endorse the "Advance Directives Improvement and Education Act of 2005."

Improving access to information about health care options and promoting advance care planning and decision-making are strongly linked to the Association's current and ongoing work in terms of end-of-life care, palliative care, pain management and advance directives.

Thank you for your efforts to help ensure that individuals will receive end of life care consistent with their wishes.

Sincerely,



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